

1. A photoreceptor module, comprising:  
a plurality of backing members;  
a tension roller for creating tension in the belt;  
a photoreceptor belt, which wraps around the backing members and the tension roller,

wherein the backing members are retractable such that the tension roller deforms the shape of the belt enough to ease the movement of the module between surrounding modules.

2. The module of **claim 1**, further comprising an actuating mechanism for retracting the backing members.

3. The module of **claim 2**, wherein the actuating mechanism is a lever.

4. The module of **claim 3**, wherein the lever can be actuated to retract a plurality of the backing members simultaneously.

5. The module of **claim 4**, wherein the lever can be actuated to retract all of the backing members simultaneously.

6. The module of **claim 3**, wherein the lever must be retracted before the module may moved out of an operating position.

7. The module of **claim 1**, wherein the tension roller is spring-loaded.

8. A method for detensioning a photoreceptor belt comprising simultaneously retracting multiple backing members located on a photoreceptor module.

9. The method of **claim 8**, wherein a tension roller deforms the shape of the belt when the backing members are retracted.

10. The method of **claim 8**, wherein a lever is used to simultaneously retract the multiple backing members.

11. The method of **claim 10**, wherein all the backing members on a photoreceptor module are retracted simultaneously.

12. A method for servicing a photoreceptor module having a photoreceptor belt, a tension roller, and multiple backing members, comprising:

retracting the multiple backing members such that the tension roller can deform the shape of the belt;

removing the photoreceptor module from inside a printing device;

servicing the module;

inserting the photoreceptor module into the printing device.

13. The method of **claim 12**, wherein retracting the backing members is accomplished by a single actuating mechanism.

14. The method of **claim 13**, wherein the mechanism is a lever.

15. The method of **claim 12**, wherein the backing members are retracted simultaneously.

16. The method of **claim 15**, wherein all the backing members of the photoreceptor module are retracted simultaneously.

17. A photoreceptor module, comprising:  
a plurality of backing members;  
a photoreceptor belt, which wraps around the backing members;  
wherein the backing members are retractable such that the shape of the belt deforms enough to ease the movement of the module between surrounding modules.

18. The module of **claim 17**, further comprising a lever for retracting the backing members.

19. The module of **claim 18**, wherein the lever can be actuated to retract a plurality of the backing members simultaneously.

20. The module of **claim 19**, wherein the lever can be actuated to retract all of the backing members simultaneously.

21. The module of **claim 19**, wherein the lever must be retracted before the module may be moved out of an operating position.